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Patent Applicant: Martin C. Flautt et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/409,457 )  
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For: Superabsorbent Water-Resistant )  
Coatings )

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**  
**UNDER 37 CFR 1.115**

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Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below.

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification, page 10, lines 24-26, by deleting the following sentence:

--Hence, unlike waterblocking coatings previously known in the art, the coating composition of this invention is in the form of a true solution having substantially no particulate components.--

If any fees are due in connection with the filing of this amendment, please charge all necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0568.

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